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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/693,175	CAMERON ET AL.
	Examiner Cheryl Lewis	Art Unit 2167

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 February 2005.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-39 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-39 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-39 are presented for examination.
2. The indicated allowability of claims 1-39 are withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) that are presented below in the office action. This office action is in response to the communication mailed on June 28, 2005 entitled "Withdraw From Issue". This application has been withdrawn from issue because prosecution on the application has been reopened, this application contains at least one or more claim that is unpatentable. Refer to MPEP 37 CFR 1.313.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Reeves et al. (Pat. No. 6,748,402 B1 filed April 2, 2001, hereinafter Reeves).
5. Regarding Claims 1, 13-15, and 29, Reeves teaches a system and method for converting and loading interactive pager address books.

The method and associated system for converting and loading interactive pager address books as taught or suggested by Reeves includes:

a method of synchronizing identity information between a primary computer system and a disparate secondary computer system, wherein the primary computer system and the secondary computer system store identity information in different formats (col. 3, lines 18-23) and wherein the method comprises:

connecting the primary computer system (Fig. 1, 110, 112, 114, 116) and the secondary computer system (Fig. 1, 120) to provide communication capability between the primary computer system and the secondary computer system; determining if identity information exists on the primary computer system (col. 9, lines 4-11) and that a synchronization operation should be performed; converting the new identity information into a different format (col. 8, lines 17-61), the different format associated with the secondary computer system (col. 8, lines 45-49, Fig. 4, steps 404, 406, 410,); and propagating the converted information to the secondary computer system (col. 8, lines 56-60, "uploading").

6. Regarding Claims 2 and 16, Reeves teaches an operating system (col. 4, lines 8-54).

7. Regarding Claim 3 and 17, Reeves teaches the secondary computer system has a representative database of identity information following receipt of the converted information, wherein the representative database is representative of a primary database of identity information stored on the primary computer system (col. 3, lines 10-49, col. 4, lines 10-67).

8. Regarding claim 4-11, 18, 19, 30-37, and 39, the limitations of these claims have been noted in the rejections above. They are therefore rejected as set forth above.
9. Regarding Claim 12, the limitations of this claim has been noted in the rejections above. In addition, Reeves teaches the mapping table means (col. 7, lines 28-39).
10. Regarding Claims 20-28, and 38, Reeves teaches connecting the primary computer system (Fig. 1, 110, 112, 114, 116) and the secondary computer system to provide communication capability between the primary computer system and the secondary computer system (Fig. 1, 120); determining new rule information exists and that a synchronization operation should be performed (col. 5, lines 28-44, col. 8, lines 33-61); and propagating the new rule information from one computer system to the other (col. 5, lines 28-44, col. 8, lines 33-61).

NAME OF CONTACT

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheryl Lewis whose telephone number is (571) 272-4113. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jean Homere can be reached on (571) 272-3780. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist/ Technology Center (571) 272-2100.



Cheryl Lewis
Patent Examiner
October 13, 2005



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